

ABUSE

Harm or threatened harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by another person, including, but not limited to, non-accidental physical or mental injury, sexual abuse or maltreatment. (1982 P.A. 519 Sec. 11(a))

Related Terms:

ACP

Acronym for the adult community placement program.

Related Terms:

**ACTIVITIES OF
DAILY LIVING**

Activities that all people generally do habitually and universally, examples include:

- Eating.
- Toileting.
- Bathing.
- Grooming.
- Dressing.
- Transferring.
- Mobility.

Related Terms:

**ADULT IN NEED OF
PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

A vulnerable person, age 18 and older, who is suspected of being or believed to be abused, neglected, or exploited. (1982 P.A. 519 Sec. 11 (b))

Related Terms:

ASCAP

Acronym for the Adult Services Comprehensive Assessment Program. The automated electronic system all adult service programs and activities are recorded on.

*Related Terms:***ASSISTIVE
TECHNOLOGY**

Items which assist a person with functional limitations to complete a task. For example, a bath seat, a handheld shower head, a toilet paper holder, a reacher or grabber, a lift chair, a hoist lift, etc.

*Related Terms:***AUTHORIZED
REPRESENTATIVE**

An individual specifically designated by the client to act on his behalf.

*Related Terms:***CAREGIVER**

An individual who directly cares for or has physical custody of a vulnerable adult.

*Related Terms:***CLEAR AND
CONVINCING
EVIDENCE**

This is the level of proof required in a court of law. The trier of fact must be persuaded by the evidence that it is highly probable that the allegations or claim is true. This is a heavier burden than the preponderance of evidence but less than beyond a reasonable doubt.

*Related Terms:***COMPETENCY**

Competency for APS, competency is the mental ability to understand the general effects/results of a transaction, document or action. Note: Only the legal system, with the assistance of medical documentation, can make a legal determination of a person's competency.

Related Terms:

COMPLAINT

An allegation, referral, report or other communication which contains information about known or suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation to vulnerable adults.

Related Terms:

**COMPREHENSIVE
ASSESSMENT**

The gathering of detailed information by the worker in the areas of environment, physical, cognitive, social and emotional functioning which appraises an individual in objective terms and systematically points out service needs.

Related Terms:

CONSERVATOR

A conservator is a person or other entity appointed by the Probate Court to exercise power over the property and affairs of a person when it has been determined that person is unable to manage their own property or affairs effectively because of such reasons as mental illness, mental deficiency, physical illness or disability, chronic use of drugs or chronic intoxication.

Related Terms:

EXPLOITATION

An action that involves the misuse of an adult's funds, property, or personal dignity by another person. (1982 P.A. 519 Sec. 11 (d))

Related Terms:

**FUNCTIONAL
LIMITATION**

The extent to which a person is physically incapable of performing activities essential for self and home care.

Related Terms:

HOSPICE

Services provided to meet the physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs of terminally ill patients. Hospice care focuses on

pain control, comfort and emotional support for the dying person and his family.

Related Terms:

ILS

The acronym for the Independent Living Services program.

Related Terms:

INDEPENDENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

- **Alone** - Individual or married couple, with or without minor children, in a separate and self-contained residential unit occupied by no other person.
- **Joint** - Individual or married couple living as a member of a group/family/commune, having essentially full access to the entire living unit.

Related Terms:

INTERVENTION

Action taken on behalf of an individual to minimize harm and vulnerability.

Related Terms:

INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Activities that concern a person's ability to adapt to or function in his environment. Examples include:

- Instrumental activities of daily living.
- Taking medication.
- Meal preparation/cleanup.
- Shopping.
- Laundry.
- Light housework.

Related Terms:

**JOINT POLICY
DEVELOPMENT**

Joint policy development covers independent living and adult community placement program policies. The following statement is added:

The Adult Services Manual (ASM) policy has been developed jointly by the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Department of Human Services (DHS).

LEGAL DEPENDENT

The ineligible child(ren) under age 18 of the eligible recipient.

Related Terms:

MEDICAL AID

Medical services for Refugee Assistance and Repatriate program recipients in the same amount, duration, and scope as Medicaid.

Related Terms:

MEDICALLY STABLE

A care plan that does not require constant adjustments and the daily attendance of a physician.

Related Terms:

**MODERATE
IMPAIRMENT**

When the degree of functional limitation in an ADL is such that the individual can perform the activity only with direct physical assistance from another person. This level of function is indicated by a three (3) on the functional assessment.

Related Terms:

NEGLECT

Harm to an adult's health or welfare caused by the inability of the adult to respond to a harmful situation or by the conduct of a person who assumes responsibility for a significant aspect of the adult's health or welfare. Neglect includes the failure to provide adequate food, clothing, shelter, or medical care.

A person shall not be considered to be abused, neglected, or in need of emergency or protective services for the sole reason that the person is receiving or relying upon treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in accordance with the tenets and practices of a recognized church or religious denomination, and this act shall not require any medical care or treatment in contravention of the stated or implied objection of that person. (1982 P.A. 519 Sec. 11 (e))

Related Terms:

NECESSARY SERVICES

Those services, activities, or equipment directly related to improving the physical level of the customer's functioning, economic independence or safety as documented in the services plan.

Related Terms:

PHYSICAL DANGER

A situation, whether caused by self or others, which appears likely to result in harm to the adult's physical well-being, health or safety.

Related Terms:

PHYSICALLY DISABLED

The state of being functionally limited in the type or amount of activities that a person would normally be expected to perform. The functional limitation is due to a chronic health condition which is physical in nature.

Related Terms:

PLENARY GUARDIAN

A guardian of a developmentally disabled person who possess the legal rights and powers of full guardian of the person, the estate or both.

Related Terms:

**PROTECTIVE
SERVICES**

Includes, but is not limited to, remedial, social, legal, health, mental health, and referral services provided in response to a report of alleged harm or threatened harm because of abuse, neglect or exploitation. (1982 P.A. 519 Sec. 11 (f))

Related Terms:

**RECIPIENT RIGHTS
ADVISOR (RRA)**

This person is responsible to investigate the allegations of abuse, neglect or other violations of the rights of recipients of the services of mental health settings not operated by Department of Community Health/Mental Health (DCH/MH).

Related Terms:

**RECIPIENT RIGHTS
OFFICER (RRO)**

This person is responsible to investigate the allegations of abuse, neglect or other violations of the rights of recipients of Community Mental Health (CMH) services.

Related Terms:

**RESPONSIBLE
RELATIVE**

- A person's spouse.
- A parent of an unmarried child under age 18.

Related Terms:

ROOM/BOARD

Individual living in a building or residential unit with other persons, but having only limited access to the entire unit as determined by a room/board agreement.

Related Terms:

**SAFE AND STABLE
LIVING SITUATION**

A situation in which the adult is not in any immediate threat to life, health, or welfare from self or others, and there is reason to believe this status will continue in the foreseeable future.

Related Terms:

SERVICE ANIMAL

An animal professionally trained and certified to assist a disabled person to meet specific personal care needs or to engage in daily activities.

Related Terms:

**SUBSTANTIATED
COMPLAINT**

A situation in which the worker determines the subject of the complaint is an adult who is actually at risk of harm due to abuse, neglect, or exploitation and also is vulnerable.

Related Terms:

TOTAL IMPAIRMENT

When the degree of functional limitation in an ADL is such that the individual cannot perform the activity at all, even with human help. This level of function is indicated by a five (5) on the functional assessment.

Related Terms:

**UNSUBSTANTIATED
COMPLAINT**

A situation in which the worker determines the subject of the complaint is an adult who is either not in danger of any harm or not vulnerable, or that the referral is one which is inappropriate for the APS program.

Related Terms:

VULNERABLE

A condition in which an adult is unable to protect himself or herself from abuse, neglect, or exploitation because of a mental or physical impairment or because of advanced age.

Related Terms:

VENDOR

The term used to describe any party receiving a PDS payment. Vendors may include a wide range of individual professionals or businesses.